

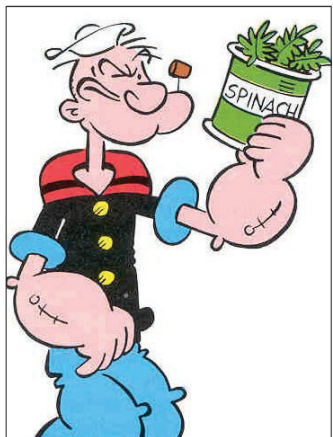


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### WEEKEND WEATHER

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
82	74	78
52	50	57
20%	20%	20%

Source: <http://weather.com>

## NUMBER CRUNCH

# 8

Students killed in North American school shootings in the past month.

Source: <http://cnn.com>



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Students and residents over-crowded City Hall on Monday to have their voice's heard on the new zoning plans, causing the Fire Marshall to shut down the meeting.

## Zoning Meeting

**CANCELED**

BY ROSS COUCH  
STAFF WRITER

Homeowners, renters, landlords and other concerned citizens will have to wait a bit longer to express their ideas on residential living in Milledgeville.

The Milledgeville Planning and Zoning Board rescheduled Monday's public hearing on a possible ordinance pertaining to single family residential homes because the number of people who showed up for the meeting exceeded the building's legal limit.

"We have been informed by our fire chief that the occupancy of this facility is not big enough to accommodate one of the hearings we are having tonight," City Attorney Jimmy Jordan announced to those in attendance Monday. "The hearing with regards to the unrelated persons zoning amendment, changing the definition of family in the zoning ordinance, that hearing will be rescheduled."

The ordinance could affect both renters and landlords if it passes both the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Council. The ordinance

would limit the number of unrelated residents in a single family dwelling to three, and would prevent landlords from subdividing a unit without rezoning.

Jones said the decision to reschedule was partly because the board wants to hear everyone's opinion.

"With the concerns for everybody's safety, the fact that we want everybody to have an opportunity to be heard on this issue, the board has decided that it is in everybody's best interest that this hearing be rescheduled," Jones said.

After the announcement, most of the people who had filed into the City Council chambers left.

"I left work early to make this," Tracy Thompkins, a GCSU student, said as she exited the building. "I was just here trying to save my apartment."

Thompkins was not the only GCSU student in attendance. The GCSU Student Political Movement organization stated on its Web site that the student turnout was "incredibly impressive."

"I first and foremost want to let everyone know how impressed the entire executive board of the

Student Political Movement is with everyone who showed up to the meeting last night," Will Thompson, SPM creator and leader, stated in an online forum on Tuesday. "There were so many students that there was a line all the way down the hall on the top floor, all on the first floor and out the door. We made our point. Not how we predicted, but still in a good and positive light."

A second chance to make that point will be available, but the time and place has yet to be announced.

"It will be properly advertised again," Jordan told the crowd. "For those who have already signed up to speak, we'll keep you on the list. For those who did not get an opportunity to sign up, you will actually be able to go by the Building Department next door at City Hall and sign up."

Thompson promised to keep students updated on the rescheduling.

"We will keep you all informed," Thompson stated on the SPM Web site. "So, don't worry about it for the next two weeks, because we will be on top of things."

## No traffic light for W. Campus Drive at 441

BY GRANT GRISSAMORE  
STAFF WRITER

Some GCSU students believe installing a traffic light at the intersection of West Campus Drive and the U.S. 441 Bypass should be a top priority.

"There is an urgent need for a light to be put up," said Jordan Bentle, a sophomore marketing major who lives at Magnolia Park Apartments. "Most of the drivers at the intersection are students, so we are the ones at risk."

The intersection connects the 441 Bypass to Bobcat Village and Magnolia Park. A total of 1,274 students live at the two complexes located about two miles west of campus.

Melissa Olsen, property manager of Magnolia Park Student Housing LLC, said she believes there is a definite need for a traffic light at the intersection.

"It is a huge concern for us and our residents," Olsen said. "There is going to be someone killed out there. I'm a little surprised it hasn't already happened."

Magnolia Park paid a consultant to conduct a traffic study to see if there was a need for a traffic light.

"Prior to the study, we felt there was an obvious need for a light, so we built our entrance wide enough that it could accommodate large quantities of traffic,"

Olsen said.

Olsen said the Georgia Department of Transportation agreed to provide equipment such as the traffic lights and electronic cables, but the remaining costs totaled around \$100,000.

West Campus Drive is primarily used to access parking facilities for Bobcat Village, GCSU athletic events on West Campus and Baldwin High School.

Olsen said Magnolia Park has been unsuccessful in getting GCSU and the City of Milledgeville to agree to split the cost to install a traffic signal.

Milledgeville City Manager Scott Wood said although safety is a concern, the city does not have the budget to install a traffic light at the intersection.

Wood said the Department of Transportation reviewed the intersection and conducted a Development Regional Impact study on the area.

"The study suggested a traffic light and it was considered," Wood said. "But it was determined by the City and the DOT that the circumstances didn't warrant a traffic light."

Installing a traffic light would defeat the purpose of a bypass, which is to provide a continuous flow of traffic, Wood added.

"A bypass is built to be

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SHELLEY WATSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The intersection of Bobcat Village, Magnolia Park and 441 is often backed up with traffic, but no changes are to be made.

## Students drop classes to salvage Hope, GPA

BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
STAFF REPORTER

The two-foot stack of manila-colored papers piled on the front desk in the Office of the Registrar is a sure sign that the drop date is just around the corner.

The last day for GCSU students to drop a class without academic penalty is Thursday, Oct. 12.

Students must obtain a course change card from either the Registrar's Office or department offices and have their instructor sign it to be able to drop a class.

Students will also need the signature of their advisors if they have an advisor's hold on their PAWS account.

Once the card is signed, students must turn it into the Registrar's Office, located on the first floor of Parks Hall, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pam Spires, the senior secretary in the Registrar's

Office, said students must realize that if they have an F in a class for absences, they will receive an F even if they drop the class.

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ARIANA YOUMANS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Andy Richard, foreground, and Leya Petters, background, visited the Registrar's Office to adjust their schedules.

## Students enjoy low gas prices of early Fall

BY SARAH VER STEEG  
SENIOR REPORTER

Although the price of gas is decreasing, it is a natural fluctuation and students should not expect it to stay low. In fact, students should only expect the prices to rise.

Dr. John Swinton, assistant professor of economics and finance, said there are several reasons why gas prices are low: the first is that gasoline pipelines that were broken in Alaska and caused shortages are now fixed. This brings more oil to the market, which means more sellers, who in turn

expand the supply.

Also, changes in oil-producing countries like Iran and Iraq directly affect gas prices in the U.S. Swinton said the gas market works very quickly.

"Every time there is good news, the prices go down," Swinton said.

In the same way, if there is bad news from the Middle East, gas prices go up.

Another reason Swinton gave for low gas prices is normal consumer behavior.

"People change too,"

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## Popular video games

Unreal Tournament

Halo 2

StarCraft

Quake 3

World of Warcraft



# Georgia College Computer Gamers becomes newest RSO

BY EMILY BALLARD  
SENIOR REPORTER

Not every Recognized Student Organization has to be educational. On Sept. 20, the Student Government Association recognized the Georgia College Computer Gamers as a new RSO at GCSU.

Jessie Smith, senior computer science major and math minor, is the president of the Georgia College Computer Gamers and works on campus for the Department of Technology Solutions. He said that a gaming organization is just like any other club.

"Gaming is a lot more mainstream than it used to be," Smith said. "It's just become a fact of life."

Sadiq Oyapero is a graduate student studying management information systems, and is the vice president of the organization. He said that the RSO wants to provide entertainment and a better atmosphere at GCSU.

"It's something to benefit the students, something they can do instead of going downtown on Thursday or going home on the weekends," Oyapero said. "They can all stay around and have fun, chill and socialize."

Although the organization is still in its early stages of planning, Oyapero hopes that students will come together on a weekly basis to hang out and play games. The RSO is considering setting up their gaming networks in computer labs in the Info Tech Center in the library, at Bobcat Village or at members' homes.

In order to be approved as an RSO, the organization had to have at least 12 members, a constitution, bylaws and a senior advisor. The group must submit an application to Dr. Henderson with Student Activities, who passes the information to the SGA president pro tempore. Once the president pro tempore reviews the packet, making sure requirements are met, the organization must present itself to the SGA senate. The senate votes on the organization's legitimacy, content of the constitution and whether or not its goals are in line with

what the students want. If the majority of the senate votes for approval, it becomes an RSO.

Will Thompson, SGA treasurer said the Georgia College Computer Gamers had enough members and senators thought it was a good enough organization.

"I'm for them," Thompson said. "I think they have some cool ideas."

I think they said they wanted to set up huge networks of computers so students can come in and have a free-for-all."

Other students on campus are surprised, but

think that the Georgia College Computer Gamers is a good idea.

"I think it's good for those that are actively involved in computer games," Candy Moore, a junior psychology major, said. "It'll be a good way

for them to meet others with the same interests."

Justin Bartuska, a sophomore creative writing major, said that he thinks the new RSO will be popular. He said so many people like gaming because it's a fantasy life.

"You don't have to be yourself," Bartuska said. "On a computer game, you can do stuff that you can't do in real life, like chop someone's head off or snipe them."

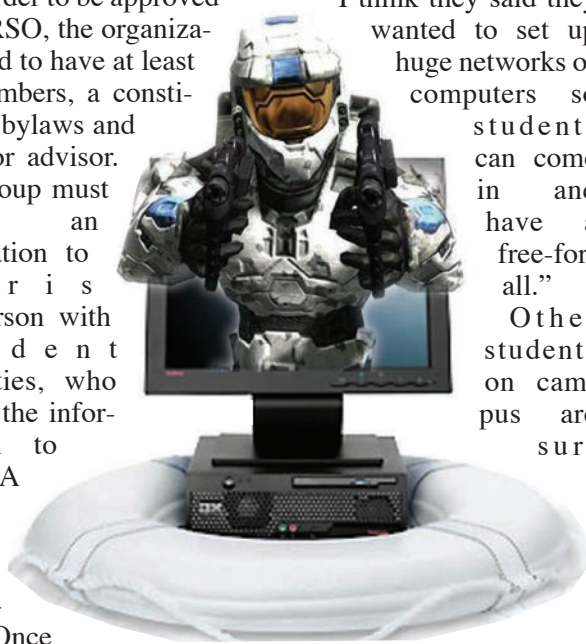
Smith said that the Georgia College Computer Gamers plan on playing about half shooting games and half real-time strategy games. However, Smith and Oyapero said that the RSO wants to be considerate and will not be playing any mature-rated games.

Oyapero said that he hopes the organization can be a stress-reliever and another way for students to socialize.

"Anybody can come in and join," Oyapero said. "We're actually looking for a diverse group of people."

The Georgia College Computer Gamers plan to have fliers out soon about an upcoming Halo Showdown.

Contact advisor Joe Kelley for more information at joe.kelley@gcsu.edu.



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## Drop

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"Some students don't know that and then it gets them in trouble," Spires said.

Suzanne Pittman, the assistant vice-president for enrollment management and interim registrar, said that they expect to have an extremely high number of students drop classes this week.

"So many students have already dropped and it will only get busier as midterms approach," Pittman said.

Pittman suggests that students meet with faculty and discuss their situation before dropping a class.

"It's important for students to realize not to just drop classes and to finish the term, if they can, in order to graduate on time," Pittman said.

Dr. Sandra Godwin, a GCSU sociology professor, does not encourage students to drop a course unless they are ill and find it too hard to keep up with the class.

"I usually have about five students who will drop after midterm in a lower level class of about 40," Godwin said.

Godwin said she thinks that the large amount of students dropping classes is related to the HOPE scholarship.

"It seems to create an environment where students feel they don't want to risk receiving a C or a grade that would lower their grade point average," Godwin said.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to sustain HOPE.

Some students do not see any way around dropping classes. Chris Mitchell, a sophomore business major, said he felt that he had to drop one of his classes.

"I have a teacher who gave quizzes that didn't reflect the material covered in class," Mitchell said. "There was no way I could pass."

He said HOPE was certainly a consideration in his choosing to drop the class.

"I don't want to lose HOPE and one bad grade can really bring you down, but I would have dropped

that class anyway," Mitchell said.

Not all students view dropping as necessary.

Larry Hamel, a sophomore athletic training major, said that he does not drop classes.

"I usually take less than 14 hours and, since I'm an athlete, I have to have at least 12 hours," Hamel said.

Pittman urges students to drop a class as soon as possible if they find it necessary after discussing it with instructors.

"Oct. 12 will be here soon and if students don't drop their class before that, there is nothing they can do," Pittman said. "It will be really crazy in here that day, so students probably don't want to wait until the last minute."

Pittman also added that students need to take into consideration that registration for next semester begins Oct. 23.

"Students need to start meeting with their advisors soon, those advisors can also help them to decide if dropping a class is a good idea," said Pittman.

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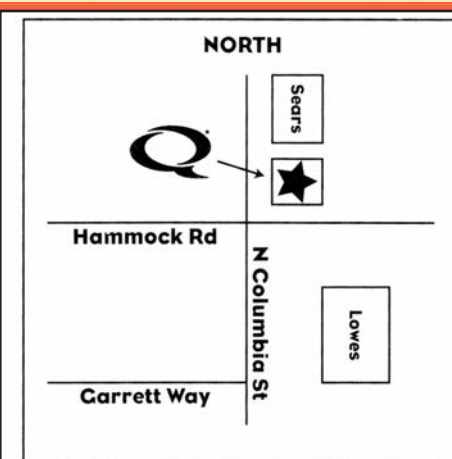


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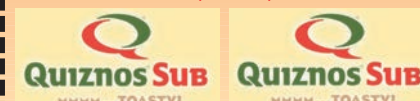






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Junior Lindsey Hood filled up her car at the Hop-In station on North Columbia St. As of Oct. 4, regular unleaded gas sold for \$2.08 a gallon.

Gas

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Swinton said. “Across America people are not driving as much because the summer driving season is officially over. There are a lot fewer people who want gas.”

Swinton said that, although people drive less in winter, the rate increases over the holidays and especially during Spring break. He said that there is a several-month period all over the country when people take Spring break trips.

Swinton said that it would be foolish for students to look at the current gas prices, assuming they would remain constant, and make plans for a long trip over Spring break. He said the prices would be back up by then.

Swinton said that the current low prices will not last, and that there is an upward trend in prices that will only continue in the future. He said it would be extremely unlikely to ever see \$1-per-gallon gas again.

He added that low prices actually hurt consumers more than they help.

“When you try to limit the price [of gas], it disappears,” Swinton said.

Shortages in gas will

make the price increase, and Swinton said that, with the coming of winter, especially in places like New England, more gas will be sent there in order to heat homes.

Another way that Swinton said low prices affect consumers negatively is that when a gas station offers low prices, people flock to the stations to fill up, even if they don’t need a full tank. This could actually prevent those who need it more, like ambulance drivers or firemen, from getting gas.

“You end up hurting consumers more when you keep the price low because you no longer guarantee the people who need it the most get it,” Swinton said. “It’s a bad way to allocate a scarce resource because you can’t match the people who need it most.”

Swinton’s word of advice to students is to be flexible with the changing gas prices.

“The more flexible you are, the more options you give yourself,” Swinton said. “Think, ‘what can I do other than consume gas?’”

Odinaka Ezeokoli, a senior chemistry major, said he rarely goes home to Marietta, and if gas prices continue to increase, he would opt not to drive.

“I got a new bike, so

I’m going to bike a lot,” Ezeokoli said.

Katie Miles, a freshman business management major, said she does go home to Augusta on many weekends, but she would look into getting a different car if the prices continue to rise.

“I’d get a car that was more gas-friendly because eventually Daddy’s going to stop paying for gas,” Miles said.

Senior English major Hannah Turner said gas prices have a bigger effect on what else she doesn’t buy instead of how much she drives. She said that a majority of her driving is to other cities; however, she has chosen not to take certain trips because of gas prices.

Turner said if gas prices got high enough, she would stop driving altogether.

“If I got to a place that I had to allocate that much of my budget, I’d probably just stay in one place,” Turner said.

GCSU alumni Harold Mock said he considers driving “a necessary evil,” and that if gas prices continue to rise, he would try to be as efficient as possible.

“I would make a conscientious effort that, if I was going to drive, I’d run all my errands in one trip,” said Mock.

Scare causes Sodexho to pull spinach from menu

BY JOSHUA FARRELL  
STAFF WRITER

Due to the recent spread of E. coli through fresh spinach, Sodexho Dining Services has removed all fresh spinach products and foods that come in contact with fresh spinach from the cafeteria.

Fresh spinach has recently been recalled across the country because of a potentially deadly strain of E. coli bacteria that has been found in some of the leafy greens.

With 186 illnesses in the nation being traced back to spinach consumption, students were anxious the first few days after spinach was removed from the salad bar in the cafeteria.

“As soon as I heard about the E. coli outbreak being traced to spinach, I was nervous and tried to make sure I didn’t eat anything with spinach in it,” Shelby Brads, a junior nursing major said.

However, because the Sodexho staff quickly took action, students had little to fear about getting E. coli bacteria from spinach the dining hall.

“As soon as we got word about the bans on spinach, we immediately gathered all the fresh spinach products and disposed of them,” Neil Siegler, director of Campus Dining said.

Some students were surprised at how fast the Sodexho staff responded to the news of the outbreak.

“I heard the news one morning about the bad spinach, and by the time I got to Sodexho for lunch, they had already taken the spinach off the salad bar,”

Bekah French, a junior psychology major said.

While some students are impartial to the absence of spinach at Sodexho, other students are particularly fond of the leafy greens that are often combined with other salad mixes.

“I really like the other salads they offer, but I miss the spinach,” French said. “I hope the bans will be lifted soon, and we will be able to get it back soon.”

The fact that, to date, there has not been a reported case of illness associated with spinach in Georgia eases many students’ worries. However, illnesses have been reported in 26 other states.

Although the spread of E. coli in spinach has been traced back to farms in three counties in California, the actual cause of the bacteria contaminating the spinach has yet to be found.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the spinach is thought to be contaminated by the O157:H7 strain of E. coli, which is found most

commonly in cow manure. This strain is considered potentially deadly and is known to result in intestinal problems, including bloody stool, which can lead to kidney failure and death.

The CDC encourages consumers to avoid fresh spinach and other salad mixes that may contain it. If anyone has any spinach in their refrigerators, they are also advised to dispose of it.

While investigations into the outbreak continue and the vegetable is still banned, salad-loving students look forward to the re-entry of spinach to the salad bar.

However, these students must wait until Sodexho gets clearance from the proper channels to serve spinach again.

“Sodexho will not be serving fresh spinach on the salad bar or anywhere at all until the proper inspections and investigations take place, and everything is in the clear,” Seigler said.



WILL GODFREY / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
The salad bar at Sodexho has been devoid of spinach since the E. coli outbreak that has infected almost 200 people.

“The problem is that there’s always two sides to a story.”

- Steve Chambers, Milledgeville City Council member

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A new survey has been released by the library that asks for students' opinions. A common misconception is that the library has no books that are meant to be read for recreation.

# Lack of leisure reading at library concerns students

By Ana Maria Lugo  
Senior Reporter

Many GCSU students believe that the library on campus, fondly known as the Russell Library, does not have enough leisure books to serve the needs of students who actually like to read for pleasure.

Susan Paige, a sophomore health sciences major and a voracious reader, said she personally is not satisfied with the library's leisure book selections or availability.

"I rarely go to the library to get my leisure reading," Paige said. "I just don't think they have what people our age might consider fun. We have magazines, sure. But we seem to lack works by many popular authors."

Matt Anderson, a junior psychology major, agrees when it comes to the availability and visibility of leisure books.

"We have an awful lot of academic journals. I know they are important because, for one, this is a research library. But I haven't noticed many people using them unless they absolutely have to," Anderson said. "Sometimes they look more like decorations to make the library look stately."

Leisure reading is pretty hard to define when it comes to naming books and authors that it encompasses. Students' tastes vary from person to person, naturally, and to accommodate that is just not feasible.

Through the library catalog, students can see what books the library has.

Stephen King accounted for eight books, the most recent of which is from 2002. There are four John Grisham books, the most recent from 2002, and the ever popular romantic, Nicholas Sparks, has only two books. There are no

fictional works by Tom Clancy, Mary Higgins Clark or Danielle Steel, to name a few recent best-selling authors.

Bill Richards, collection development librarian and professor of library science, addressed the issue of why the library cannot satisfy the need for certain leisure reading materials.

"We try to get the books that support the curriculum and the academic programs," Richards said. "We don't have the budget to do both."

The library's mission statement also supports this:

"The GCSU Library actively supports and promotes the mission of Georgia College & State University, Georgia's designated public liberal arts university, by identifying, collecting, and providing access to and instruction in the use of information resources and services. Library faculty and staff seek to create an educational and cultural environment that fosters academic excellence, a passion for achievement, and the critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning."

Still, there are many great reads available in the library. The library has almost all the Pulitzer Prize winning books and other books that have gained literary fame and achievement. And they even have most of the books that can be found on Oprah's Book Club list.

"Any book that has attained literary achievement will be in the library," Richards said.

Some popular books such as "The Nanny Diaries" or "The Devil Wears Prada" will still be excluded from the library collection even though they have attained popularity.

"We do not have beach reads, or pulp fiction,

unless of course they were books that made the news in a big, influential way," Richards said. "What we do have are books that are not only great reads, but also stimulate the mind and support the curriculum in one way or another."

Library personnel acknowledge that such books are really appealing. To address this issue they are organizing a book swap.

The book swap will be held this fall and students can bring in their favorite reads to share and borrow books, that would normally not be found in a research library, from other participants.

"We are going to have a pretty decent collection," Richards said. "And hopefully, students will bring in books to contribute."

In addition, any books that are not at the library can be acquired through the Georgia University Catalog, found on the library website. In just a few clicks, students can borrow any books not available at the library from any of the University System of Georgia libraries. All that is needed is to request the books, and in a few days it will be ready for pick-up at the circulation desk.

Richards would also like to encourage students to give feedback on books.

"If there is a book that students believe we should have, all they have to do is fill out a request form," Richards said. "We might not always approve it, but we will consider it and give you our opinion."

The library now has a survey available. Go to <http://www2.gcsu.edu/library/> and get the chance to win one of four \$100 gift certificates courtesy of the Pawprints Bookstore.

## Bypass

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a bypass, not an intersecting street," Wood said. "That's not to say a traffic light will never be installed, just as of now, there are no immediate plans, as the circumstances don't warrant it."

Bryan Jackson, director of university communications at GCSU, also expressed concern. According to Jackson, GCSU's first priority is the safety and well-being of its students. There is also the problem of restricting traffic flow on the bypass.

Some students believe that the City and GCSU should do all they can to provide safety for drivers

"The intersection poses a great threat, not only to students, but to the entire community," said Chris Lawler, a sophomore who lives at Magnolia Park. "That is something GCSU and the city of Milledgeville should be deeply concerned with."

Lawler also said he has witnessed several close calls at the intersection.

Andrew Tomaszewski, a biology major living at Bobcat Village, said not only does the bypass threaten student's safety, but it also backs up traffic with

students trying to pull out of Bobcat Village and Magnolia Park.

"I've had times where I was late to class because I sat for 10 minutes waiting to pull out," Tomaszewski said.

Matt Conkle, another sophomore living at Magnolia Park, agreed that during busy times of the day when the traffic gets heavy, it is difficult to drive across the intersection.

"I can see the potential for there to be many accidents at times when the traffic is backed up," Conkle said.

Tomaszewski also expressed safety concerns with regards to the shuttles.

"I'm constantly afraid a shuttle might get into an accident pulling in or out of Bobcat Village," Tomaszewski said. "What would happen then?"

Jackson said GCSU has rerouted its own shuttle service to avoid the intersection.

"In the interest of student safety, GCSU has also taken steps to prohibit private shuttle services from entering the Bobcat complex, because we found they were increasing the risks of an accident by crossing the four lanes of traffic on the bypass," Jackson said. The new restriction was established after a discussion took

place concerning Magnolia Park's use of the GCSU shuttles.

Jackson said an alternate plan for the intersection might be to divide the bypass with a median barrier, which would eliminate the intersection completely. This would create right-turn only lanes, so drivers would no longer be able to cross the busy intersection. However, these plans would have to be taken into consideration by professional traffic engineers.

Other ideas suggested by students were to improve lighting along West Campus Drive and to add turning lanes into and out of the Bobcat Village complex.

Although there are no immediate plans to construct a traffic light at the intersection, Olsen said Magnolia Park will not drop the issue.

"We are not backing off the table, but we will not pay for the entire light," Olsen said. "We want to protect our residents."

She feels installation of the light should be a shared responsibility and that there is a lack of cooperation from city and school officials.

"But what is fair is fair, and people should step up to the plate when it's part of their responsibility," said Olsen.

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## Generation Y: not as lazy as you think



BY WILL THOMPSON  
COLUMNIST

Am I the only person who has ever wondered why we were labeled Generation Y? It seems that Generation X got this cool, mysterious and hard-core title, and when they came to us, they saw nothing important and just went with the next letter. For lack of a better word, it's unimpressive.

Many people in the past have said it's because we are spoiled, zoned out, hyper-active and have "never seen a real American war." At least that's what my 68-year-old neighbor said. Of course, these derogatory com-

ments exclude my room-mates and myself.

Well, the zoned out part may have been true, but that's what happens when you introduce Adderall to a bunch of 12-year-olds. Trust me, methamphetamine salts do not mix well with young kids, but that argument is for another time. Yes, our generation has been slighted in the past. We have been labeled as unimportant, a generation to simply be brushed to the side. We didn't invent the automobile, or even the Internet for that matter. We also didn't fight the Nazis, or see the horror and pointlessness of Vietnam. In essence, we've been told we lack the abilities and situational upbringing to be "good contributing Americans".

No, we didn't invent the automobile, but we are working on ways to rid ourselves of this gasoline addiction and it's accompanying problems. Nope, didn't make the Internet, though we did create and

master blogs and social networks that make our communication and information levels hundreds of times more powerful than other generations. No major wars... unless you count the one that began with the largest attack on American mainland soil.

Personally, these types of excuses hold about as much weight to me as anything Mark Zuckerberg or Tom tells me (shameless Generation Y joke). Same goes for the belief that we can't accomplish anything within our government or be "good American citizens". Our generation is large, diverse, strong and willing. We are understanding, and able to see two sides to each story. We care about our rights, as well as our protection. We do not blindly follow. We want what's best for all of us, not just one party. We care about our individuality and privacy. And best of all, we don't back down to challenges.

In 2004, our generation was the catalyst that

reversed the 30-year decline in young voters. Our generation is also as big, if not bigger than the Baby Boomers. By 2015, Generation Y will make up 37.8% of the U.S. electorate! All over America young individuals are showing their power. In Milledgeville this Monday, we witnessed student's asserting their right to be heard so much it overwhelmed the system! This isn't just in Middle-Georgia either, it's nationwide.

Generation Y is not breaking the rules, we're changing them. To continue success, we have to keep fighting. If you're not registered to vote, register now. You only have until Oct. 9 if you want to be able to vote this November. Go to the InfoPage and click on the Rock the Vote! button. It's easy and fast. Pretty soon, they will have to change our name to the Generation of Leaders.

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## Our Voice

### Senseless murders highlight need for better gun control

Parents across the country, as well as in Canada, are still mourning the premature death of their children. Between Sept. 13 and Oct. 3 there were four different school shootings. What is happening to civility?

The two that are the most disturbing are the shootings at Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado and West Nickel Mines Amish School in Paradise, Pennsylvania. In the first case the perpetrator sexually assaulted several hostages before killing one poor girl and shooting himself. Then, to top it all off, one of the man's relatives received a 14 page letter saying how sorry he was for the things he was about to do. Obviously, the letter was written before the incident.

Does that justify his actions? Hell no. If anything it shows what a coward he is. In what demented mental state does someone have to be in to want to do something like that? It's a shame that the police couldn't get to the man before he killed himself. He would need to be put under the prison.

It was reported in The New York Times that the man who attacked the Amish community had the same intentions when he boarded himself in a single room school-house with 10 girls and an extensive arsenal of weapons.

Amish children, for God's sake. Is no one safe from the maniacs of the world? Those poor kids have never even seen a gun, and out of the blue, they are lined up, execution style and are staring down the barrel of one.

Will it come down to having maximum-security schools?

That would be an excellent learning environment. The students can be transported in armored busses and consequently, there would be no car riders because no unauthorized personnel can be allowed on the campus.

Upon arriving to school the children will have to be X-rayed and searched by heavily armed guards. Once in the actual building, no one comes in, no one goes out until 3:30 p.m. Basically, the building will have to be on lock down.

That might be a reasonable preventative measure, or, we can stop selling guns to anyone who has a couple hundred dollars to throw away. America needs some sort of gun control, whether it is stricter background checks or not selling guns at all. And don't pull that Second Amendment crap, it really only gives a militia the right to bear arms, and since we don't have the need for a militia anymore then you don't need the right to bear arms.

People think they have the right to do everything, but no one wants to responsibility can comes with those rights.

Why does someone need a gun? Why does someone need more than one gun? Why in God's name does someone need to arm themselves to the teeth? To shoot school kids, apparently.

Here's a piece of advice: If you harbor hate for anyone, please don't buy a gun. If you already own a gun and you hate someone, please don't take it out on innocent people.

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## Course change needed for democrats



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

Anyone that has read my past articles knows that I am no fan of the Democratic Party.

However, today I will take a different route. Today I will help the Democratic Party by telling them how to win elections. In fact, if democrats listen carefully they might be able to get my vote and that of conservatives. All that is required is for the Democratic Party to submit to four ideas that should be agreeable with their present agenda.

### Support the "Balanced Budget Amendment."

Back in the '90s republicans in Washington had an idea to make a

Constitutional amendment that would force Congress to propose a balanced budget to the President every year. Currently, democrats have been very mad at President Bush for expanding the deficit, and republicans aren't happy with the President's ridiculous spending on social programs and subsidies. If the Democratic Party can successfully pick up this idea as a major campaign issue, then they will rally their liberal base and pick up disappointed fiscal conservatives.

### Create comprehensive tax reform.

Republicans go into every election promising to cut taxes for all working Americans and they usually deliver. It's hard for democrats to tell voters that they will raise their taxes and still expect to win their vote. That is why the Democratic Party needs to change their tax strategy. Instead of talking about raising taxes on the rich and working class, they need to be talking about reforming the tax system so that the working class won't have to pay

taxes if they so choose. The way is for democrats to take the idea of the Fair Tax and make it their national platform's top reform. With this tax reform, working class individuals won't have to pay taxes and can save 100 percent of their income. The wealthy elite will be paying far more than they do now because they will continue to live and consume at their lavish expense.

### Support the military even if you don't support the war.

Many democrats in Washington have been following this rule well and they have been a great aid to the party in general. But, there are still some that will vote against funding essential armor for our military. John Kerry got in trouble in 2004 for voting against \$87 billion funding for the military (before he voted for it, of course). What he should have done was vote for it and then propose \$150 billion of additional funding for the troops. When republicans vote against that because it's just not needed, he can

claim they are short-changing the military.

### Don't avoid Christianity.

The most successful years for the democrats were when they actually listened to their Christian base. In the 1980s a liberal wave took over the Democratic Party that forced evangelical Christians to find a new home - the Republican Party. More than 4/5ths of evangelicals voting consistently republican. But it's not too late. If democrats start standing up for Christianity the way they have for Islam these last five years, then they could minimize the republican's religious base.

If Democrats will just make these minor reforms, they can take control of republican issues like: spending, taxes, military and religion. All these ideas would be very appealing to moderates and would anger the liberal base little, if any. I believe that this would be a unifying agenda that I, along with many conservatives, could get behind.

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## Christian 'leaders' need to learn from Jesus

BY STEPHEN TURNER  
COLUMNIST

It is six weeks from the mid-term elections for Congress and the Georgia Gubernatorial election and Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue is attempting a second term. Governor Perdue is the first republican governor of our state in a bazillion years, and what this means for Georgia could be devastating. Why do republicans occupy the Governor's Mansion? It is because the political spectrum has shifted toward the right. The generations of Southern democrats are dying off, and being replaced by the Strom Thurmond party shifting mentality, and the republicans proclaim themselves as moral defenders.

Although in recent years our only two democratic presidents, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, were both Southern and Christian, the GOP has

instigated a demoralization of their left-wing counterparts. Back in the 1980s, the highly politicized Christian Right, who happened to be the Republican Party's proverbial "gun thugs," attacked the left for being abortionists, Proto-Communists, tree-huggers and lobbyists for the gay cause. In the last presidential elections, President Bush ran his campaign on "Moral Majority" points, such as a ban on late-term abortions, a ban on stem-cell research and a ban on gay marriage, all the while orchestrating armed conflict in no less than two countries at a time.

When did the Democratic Party become so immoral? Is it because many of the democrats believe in ending the death penalty, or pulling out of Iraq? Are the democrats in fact "Godless," as Ann Coulter put it? What makes the Democratic Party so immoral? Sure, while it is true that many

democrats, myself included, are pro-choice on the abortion debate and are in favor of gay marriage, the left also believes in many of the teachings that the Christian Right claims to purvey as their platform.

Not to sound like an expert on religion, but did Jesus not teach his followers to "love thy neighbor," and "turn the other cheek?" Frankly, I feel that the GOP and the Christian Right has failed to effectively implement these wholly Christian values that they so evocatively claim as their own. I feel, in all honesty, that the left is more in tune with Jesus' teachings. But, this is America, where we are granted freedom of religion. And many on the left openly choose to practice this freedom, whereas the Christian right are making an attempt to proclaim this nation to be Christian, founded by God-fearing forefathers.

I believe that what the

American public needs to realize is that these moral majority leaders, such as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell, are not preaching the same message as Jesus of Nazareth. In recent years, both of these men have publicly said many things that directly contradict what they claim to preach. Falwell blamed the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center on gays, lesbians, feminists, abortionists and other "sinful" peoples. Robertson called for the assassination of Hugo Chavez, the president of Venezuela. Why on earth would anyone take these men seriously as Christian ministers if their views are so anti-Christian?

If the democrats are to be successful in future elections, they must defend their moral stances, which I believe is what Jesus would do.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## AlcoholEdu proves ineffective

Dear Editor,

Alcohol abuse is an extremely important issue for college students as a whole, not just college freshmen. AlcoholEdu’s main concern is to inform teens entering into college of the medical and physical consequences of consuming alcohol. AlcoholEdu is a great attempt to slow the use of alcohol among freshmen in college. It is effective for the students who have academics as their main focal point in college; it is not effective for the individuals who are ready to rebel and experience true freedom away from home; therefore, AlcoholEdu should focus on the psychological aspect of alcohol.

Alcohol is a serious sub-

stance to abuse because it is known as a ‘social’ drink. For example, accepted and normal behavior of having a ‘good time’ would be playing poker once a week with several of your friends while drinking a few beers. As time progresses, the individual will eventually become dependent on drinking the beer and gradually increase his/her dosage. This dependency leads to alcoholism. Alcohol Edu should inform students of the resources available to them once they have reached this point of dependency, such as AA (Alcohol Anonymous) group meetings, to turn their lives around. Students need to know exactly what steps to take once alcohol has ruined their academic lives, so

they can get back on the right track and repair all aspects of their lives, academically, socially, and financially.

Alcohol will always be a problem on all American college campuses, because it is accepted in society as a normal behavior; even professors refer to drinking as a common practice among their students. This program is not going to persuade rebellious students to stop, or even slow down, their use of alcohol.

Sometimes teens have to learn the hard way from experience.

Sincerely,  
Jasmine Underwood  
Early Childhood Education  
Freshman

## Rolling Stone opens new doors

Dear Editor,

In the latest issue of Rolling Stone there is an article entitled “The Phony War” by Robert Dreyfuss. It’s about the “War on Terror” and all of the fabrications by our amazing government. It really got me thinking. We live in a nation where the majority of people don’t support the war we’re fighting or the people who are in charge. Why do we live like this?

When it all started in 2001, Americans were pissed and we supported the war. I supported it - it seemed like the right thing to do. Revenge! And now here we are, over five years later and the number of American soldiers killed in Iraq is more than the number of American citizens

killed on Sept. 11th. As time went by, the war got old to some whereas others are still in support of it. We all have our reasons.

Then, yesterday they came out with the report that the “War on Terror” is actually fueling the threat. Imagine that – if we bomb them, they’ll get even more pissed at us.

If you haven’t read the article, or any of the political articles in Rolling Stone, then I suggest that you do. It really opened my eyes to a lot of things – like the fact that “Terrorism can’t be defeated – ever. Terrorism is not an enemy, but a method. As such, it can never be defeated – only contained and reduced”. It also lays out the way that Bush has used colorful threat levels as a

campaign tactic. It’s amazing to see what crazy political scandal is going on in the news when he’s upped the warning level and assuring Americans that it is “necessary, now more than ever, to trust and obey the government”.

Although Rolling Stone has been consistently liberal, it continues to publish well-written and well-researched articles. All of the political articles Rolling Stone published since I started reading them have opened my eyes to what’s going on in my country and helped to kick me into political action.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Ducote  
Engineering  
Freshman

## Parking should be a bigger issue

Dear Editor,

Why isn’t more being done about the parking on and around campus? Parking is the main thing the students complain about. The article printed in last week’s issue of The Colonnade stated that freshmen who park at the Irwin Street Parking Lot feel unsafe walking back to their dorms. Even the Public safety section of the paper reports that a girl had some creepy guy “expose

his genital area” to her, so obviously Milledgeville hasn’t proven itself to be a safe place to wander around. I know during my freshman year, my friends and I made many spontaneous late night trips and I think if we had to walk that far in the dark just to get to our cars, a lot of those trips and memories would have never been made.

GCSU needs to provide more safety lights and emergency buttons out there if they are going to

force the freshmen who live in the dorms to walk out there with creepy people just to get to their cars. Or maybe, go back to making the commuting students park there since they only have to walk from there during the day. I guess the school is just trying to combat the freshmen 15 provided by Saga. Who knows?

Sincerely,  
Rachel Alderman  
Business  
Sophomore

## Safety measures must be employed

Dear Editor,

I agree that the walk from the Irwin Street Parking Lot is not safe; the proposed improvements sound great. Streetlights would make everyone feel better about walking back to the dorms, but are still not enough. We need to add security call boxes to both sides of the street and ensure that the campus shuttles are getting back to the Irwin Street lot as quickly as possible, to prevent students from being in

the parking lot alone for too long.

As a reminder to the officers on duty in the lot, make sure you identify yourselves as an officer to the students you speak to.

I also think that crosswalks would be a much-needed improvement for the walk to Irwin. As of right now, students have to judge the time it takes to run across the street taking into account the two lanes of speeding traffic and whatever cars are turning at the intersection with limit-

ed visibility!

The problem is also compounded by students wearing dark clothing and crossing the street, anywhere late at night. A crosswalk would give students a safer path across the street and give drivers a heads up to watch out for students crossing the road.

Respectfully,  
Christy Clark  
Undeclared  
Freshmen

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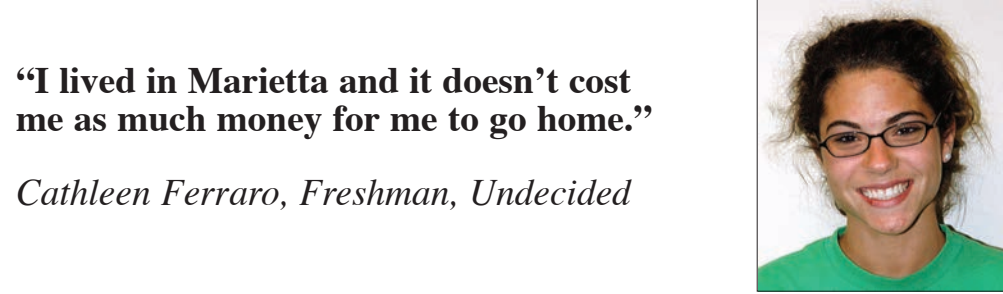


How do the lower gas prices affect you?



**“The lower gas prices save me money when I go home because I live 2 hours away in Lincolnton County.”**

*Whitney Kirkland, Freshman, Math*



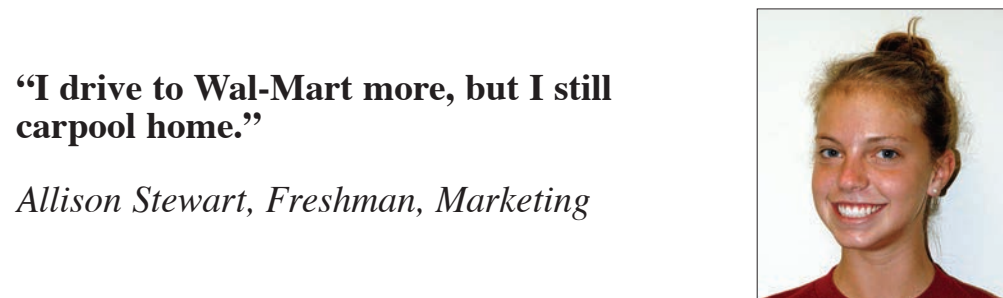
**“I lived in Marietta and it doesn’t cost me as much money for me to go home.”**

*Cathleen Ferraro, Freshman, Undecided*



**“My friends from home come to see me in Milledgeville, and also, I don’t feel as restricted to the college because it is easier to get out.”**

*Peter Springsted, Freshman, Biology*



**“I drive to Wal-Mart more, but I still carpool home.”**

*Allison Stewart, Freshman, Marketing*



**“Since they have gone down, I travel home more and I carpool less.”**

*Mathew Pitts, Freshman, Criminal Justice*

*Beat Reported by Shelley Watson*

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Man, things ain't never the same once your girlfriend farts.

Ok people, PLEASE don't stand in the Chick-fil-A drink line and take your sweet time putting on the lid and throwing away the straw paper in the specially designated container for straw paper, and put your lid on and put the straw in your cup while there is a line of hungry, hurried, stressed college kids behind you. Get the dang lid, pick up the straw, and MOVE!

I like how As One is supposed to be for all Christian ministries on Campus, but then they have group leaders who say derogatory remarks about the Catholic Church, or remarks in general that are not shared by all Christian faiths. Ecumenical my butt. Stick to Jesus and not to preaching what it takes to be "saved."

Why do some of the compact-car drivers at BVA have such a hard time getting their cars into the space, when the rest of us who drive land-yachts have no problem?

Gosh! I just hate how BORING Wednesday nights are. I mean, all I've done tonight is channel surf and Internet surf, and I got so BORED I freakin' cleaned my room. But I just dozed off for a second and had a nightmare about working my butt off in a hectic newsroom and it got so awful that i woke up. Guess I'm glad to be bored! :-)

I'm getting so tired of the lack of respect of students from the "powers that be" at this institution. If it wasn't for the students, you wouldn't have a paycheck at this school, Dr. Leland. Have respect for and actually get to know students and teachers, even when they're not going to give money to the school. Students and teachers matter more than buildings, money and school politics. I'm getting tired of this school trying to root out people from walking across the stage for graduation. Students have earned their degree here and they should be able to walk at the end of their graduating semester.

In response to last week’s vent about the disc throwing on front campus: We’re trying to hit you. We get more points that way.

To the person who said the music is too loud in my apartment...I would just like to say that I like my "Jesus freak" music and Jesus loves you too!

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Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St. John Culver's Exhibition "Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise," Blackbridge Hall LEAD Meeting, MSU 131 First Friday Film Series: Wetback (Canada), A&S Auditorium

Saturday, October 7

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Sunday, October 8

Monday, October 9

All Day

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T-Shirt Making for the Clothesline Project, MSU 143 Art Exhibit: Researched- Michael Marks, The Museum at GCSU on 221 N. Clarke St. John Culver's Exhibition "Traveling Through Time, Trying to Find Paradise," Blackbridge Hall NAACP General Body Meeting, MSU Lounge CAB Fall Frenzy! Pizza Social, Pine Lounge Film Screening of Up the Ridge: A U.S. Prison Story, A& S Auditorium

Tuesday, October 10

All Day

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Wednesday, October 11

All Day

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9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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Thursday, October 12

All Day

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Public Safety Report



A car that should not be on the road

On Sept. 27, 2006, at approximately 7:35 p.m., Officer Gaines observed a vehicle on Wayne Street without working brake lights. A traffic stop was initiated and contact made with the driver. A check through GCIC determined that the vehicle registration was suspended and there was no insurance on the vehicle. The tag had a sticker from another vehicle on it. The tag was removed from the vehicle and the vehicle was towed by Old Capitol Wrecker. The driver of the vehicle was not the owner, so she called a cab to get a ride home.

Flower bed catches fire, no one hurt

On Sept. 28, 2006, at approximately 7:50 p.m., Officer English was dispatched to Bobcat Village in reference to a fire in front of the clubhouse in the flower bed. Milledgeville Fire Department responded and found that the fire had been extinguished with a hose. The fire was put out completely. The was no major damage or injuries.

Caught by his sub-woofers

On Sept. 30, 2006, at approximately 7:04 p.m., Officer Williams heard loud music coming from a vehicle. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver. A check through GCIC determined that his license was suspended. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with Driving on a Suspended License and Loud Music. The vehicle was removed from the scene of the stop by the passenger.

That's not mine, officer!

On Sept. 29, 2006, at approximately 5:03 p.m., a student reported a suspicious substance in room 345 at Parkhurst Hall. Officer Campbell responded to the scene and found a tan colored powdery/crystalline substance in a vial that was on a desk belonging to a student. That student denied ownership and left the area before Public Safety could arrive. The case is under investigation.

Man on probation turns self in

On Oct.4, 2006, at approximately 2:37 a.m., while on foot patrol in the downtown area, a man walked up to Officer Gaines and stated that he heard he had probation warrants on him and wanted to turn himself in. Upon checking the information, it was learned that he did have warrants through Baldwin County. The man was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

Vehicle statistics as of 10/4/06

Total registered vehicles – 3530

Students – 3111

Employees – 419

Citations issued for this week – 128

Employees – 4

Students – 118

Other - 6

Information compiled by Kyle Dominy, with statistics provided by Greg Brown, Manager of the Department of Parking and Transportation

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Poll of the Week


How many times do you skip class a week?

19% I've had perfect attendance since first grade!

42% Only when I'm sick

28% Only when I'm sick of school

11% Zzzzzzz.....huh?



Next Week's Question

What do you think of The Colonnade's new look?

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THE SGA NEWSFEED

GCSU has been named one of the safest campuses around the world, but how safe are we? There have been numerous complaints about the walk from the Irwin Street Parking Lot to the residence halls. How can this issue be fixed, and who is willing to make the change? Once again, SGA is on top of the student's concerns, and they are looking into adding more emergency posts between these two commonly traveled destinations. Of course, nothing is as easy as it seems. SGA is talking to the city and Public Safety about these new changes and is making sure they understand the concerns of the students. SGA is also trying to add more pedestrian walkways between Irwin Street and the residence halls. Look for more information concerning these changes in future articles. With a president that is an environmental science major, recycling and helping the environment has become a new priority for Student Government Association. This past Wednesday the Environmental Science Club and SGA hosted a waste audit on Front Campus. From the data gathered during the waste audit, Dr. Doug Oetter's class will organize the data and use this data to try and implement a recycling system that GCSU will finally be implementing. Lastly, SGA is working on opening and improving the lines of communication between students and their school of concentration. Through the advisory boards for each school SGA wants to be able to let the school of business, education etc. know what students in their school think. Do you have classes that overlap or have problems scheduling within your major? SGA hopes to help bring students and their academic concerns closer together to get things accomplished. If you want your voice heard, come by the SGA office and let us know how you feel. Good luck with midterms, and see you next week!

Submitted by Sandra Godwin Government & Sociology

Submitted by Senator Ryan Greene

NOW HEAR THIS

Prison Documentary Showing

Monday, October 9 7p.m. Documentary Film: "Up the Ridge: A U.S. Prison Story" Special guests: filmmakers Amelia Kirby and Nick Szuberla A&S Auditorium

Submitted by Sandra Godwin Government & Sociology

Rock the Vote

The GCSU American Democracy Project and the Coverdell Institute are participating in a national research project called Young Voters Strategies. Participating universities seek to register 300,000 college-aged voters before the Oct. 10 registration deadline. GCSU junior and senior students will make presentations in Freshman Seminars, and Student Government Association officers and GCSU administrators will send email messages encouraging all GCSU students to register to vote. The Rock the Vote organization is providing university support for electronic voter registration.

Information from the GCSU Info Page

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## Guest highlights Cuban hip-hop

BY JAMIE FLEMING  
STAFF REPORTER

On Sept. 28, Dr. Michelle Reid gave a lecture about Cuban hip hop in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Reid is a professor at Georgia State University specializing in Atlantic World History. Her teaching and research specialties include Cuba, 19th century Caribbean and Latin America, the Spanish-Atlantic World, and the African Diaspora in Latin America.

As a graduate student, she traveled to Cuba six times, and during her third visit, she was introduced to Cuban hip-hop. She lived with a Cuban family and that is when she first heard the music.

"I could hear obvious American rap influence (in the music)," Reid said. "(It was) unique, refreshing, and infectious."

After hearing the group, she developed an interest in the history of the music.

Reid said the people really enriched her stay in Cuba.

"They really confirmed this is a place I could do my work. I felt I was at home there."

Allia Carter, director of Multicultural Affairs, was introduced to Reid by Dr. Beauty Bragg, an English professor. She said she wanted to do a hip-hop theme because the music is current.

She thought that program would be good for GCSU students.

"It was an opportunity to introduce students to a different viewpoint," Carter said.

Reid had to change parts of her presentation since there were technical issues in the venue.

Marcus Greene, a freshman accounting major,

thought Reid did well in spite of the technical problems.

"I think the speaker was very informed on the topic," Greene said. "However, due to the technical difficulties, she had a hard time trying to get the full effect she had originally planned."

Throughout the program, Reid showed pictures of different Cuban hip-hop rap artists on her laptop and described how rap music is different there because of the different instrumentals they use.

"(They) take a different approach than their American cousin," Reid said.

Reid also talked about where Cuban hip hop came from and how it has progressed.

She said it began in the mid 1980's as Cubans gained access to rap music from Miami. Cuban youth began imitating their American counterparts. However, it was underground because the government did not approve of the music.

Things changed in the 1990's after the USSR fell, and Cuba began experiencing economic hardships.

"Rap music became the voice of people who needed their voices heard," Reid said.

It was in the 1990s that Cuban hip-hop was recognized by the government as authentic Cuban expression. The music was played on the radio, showed on television and even given a festival and magazine.

Reid also spoke of the hardships faced by many of the rappers because they make so little, and how they keep on doing what they love.

"Despite the struggles, Cuban hip-hop is more popular and more vibrant than ever," said Reid.

## 'Psychopathia Sexualis' examines sock fetish

BY ERIC JONES  
SENIOR REPORTER

The lights rose in Russell Auditorium last Thursday to reveal Ellie, a hip young housewife, played by veteran GCSU actor Lauren Boyd, in a pink robe humming along to "Love is a Battlefield," while she jotted things in her notebook. She was an obvious product of the '80s, with loud outfits and a beat in her step. A

moment later her husband, Howard entered. He was a dignified Englishman with a cane and a beard, played by Charles Bender. He promptly shut off the music. This dynamic clash of lovers is introduced from the outset of John Patrick Shanley's "Psychopathia Sexualis", performed in Russell Auditorium Sept. 27 - 30, with a matinee on Sunday.

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## Art of the Week

"Domino" by Freshman Psychology major  
Christopher Hercules



## Culver exhibit provides multimedia experience



MOLLY HARDEE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshman art major Tony Ransom examines John Culver's art in the exhibit "Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise." The exhibit will be on display until Oct. 27 in Blackbridge Hall.

BY JESSICA MURPHY  
SENIOR REPORTER

Students, faculty and onlookers crowded around Blackbridge Hall Thursday evening in celebration of John Culver's artistic debut.

"Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise" is Culver's first exhibit. Culver, a self-taught artist, has spent the last 26 years creating his artwork and he finally felt that this was the right time in his life to show off his pieces.

"I had a dream one night," Culver said. "I dreamt that I had to come here and show my work, and now here I am."

Anna Brown, a senior art major, curated the exhibit. "Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise" was Brown's senior capstone project.

"I had already been working with an artist for about seven months and got a phone call that changed everything," Brown said. "The artist was no longer able to exhibit their work and that's when Culver came around. He walked in at the right time and I was so blessed that he did."

Students who attended the artist reception saw more than just artwork, the entire event was a show.

The Touch, a religious singing group, performed before the artist talk and got the entire audience involved.

Lindsey White, a freshman at GCSU, had never attended an art exhibit and was amazed with the entire event.

"I enjoyed The Touch because they motivated the audience to get involved and sing along with them,"

White said. "They were excellent singers and I thought it was the perfect way to start off the night."

Jamie Waugh, a senior art history major, was impressed with Culver's work.

"Culver's work is inspiring, here is this man who has spent the last 26 years creating these masterpieces and has not shown them to anyone," Waugh said. "And now all his artwork is available to the public and it is incredible. His work is breathtaking and truly remarkable."

Culver's work is detailed and consists of many lines and patterns. Circles, music notes, hearts and crosses are just a few of the shapes and symbols that are present in his pieces.

"One line tells the other line where to go," Culver said. "I start in the middle of the board and I move my way out, that's how my artwork comes together. And as far as the colors go, I like to use bright colors that are a mixture from different cultures."

Kelly Boxler, a sophomore nursing major, also enjoyed Culver's work.

"For someone who is self-taught, his work is extremely detailed and elaborate," Boxler said. "It was hard for me to keep my eyes off his work because there are just so many different things to see and take in. His work is mesmerizing."

Emily Ewalt, an art major at GCSU, found Culver's work to be motivational.

"Many people think it



MOLLY HARDEE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Singer from The Touch entertains the crowd before Culver's exhibit. The Touch performed on Sept. 28 before John Culver's artist talk.

won't ever happen because of all the hard work you have to put into your artwork to finally have an exhibit," Ewalt said. "You could tell how happy he was while he was talking and that everything he had done was worth it for that one moment."

Culver spends up to nine hours of his day working on his art. He wakes up well before the sun rises and spends time working on his pieces before he heads off to his job at IGA, where he works as a meat cutter.

"At lunch I try to eat as fast as I can so that I have

time to paint," Culver said. "I just love painting, and, if I could, I would do it all day."

Culver's plan now is to become a full-time artist and he is hoping to be able to do more exhibits in the future.

"John Culver is a dedicated artist," Brown said. "He was wonderful to work with and I am hoping that he finds success in the near future."

"Traveling Through Time Trying to Find Paradise" will be on display at Blackbridge Gallery through Oct. 27.







THE  
SPORTS GUY

BY WES BROWN

Facebook  
and sports

Last week, the GCSU women's soccer team played Columbus State University (CSU). CSU is first place and undefeated in the Peach Belt Conference (PBC). The game marked the highest home attendance of the season, with 178 people showing up to support our ladies.

This made me wonder why this game received better attendance than the other six home games. The fact is that a student created a Facebook event invitation to generate student support.

This raised two questions in my head. One: Does publicizing a game on Facebook help increase attendance? Two: Do facebook invitations cloud the purpose of sporting events?

First of all, I believe that Facebook is a great tool to help advertise a game. I mean, come on, what student is not connected to facebook? Sophomore Katie Knothe also believes that facebook helps.

"I think Facebook is a great way to advertise GCSU sports," Knothe said. "A lot of times people don't realize when games are. Sometimes people don't see the flyers because books are on top of them, but everyone has a Facebook profile."

As for hindering the purpose of the game, I believe this is Facebook's biggest flaw. If a student is invited to a game through Facebook it becomes more about socializing and less about supporting the team. Students begin to show up and not pay attention to what is happening in the game.

"If a person gets involved in the game, depends on the person," said freshman Mike Egan. "If you go there to socialize, then you are going to socialize. If you go to watch and enjoy the game then that is what you're going to do."

This bothers me. If you show up at the game, please maintain some sort of interest in the game. These athletes work extremely hard; the least you can do is cheer them on. It is a slap in the face to show up and not cheer.

For those who do participate and cheer for our team, please reach out and teach ignorant fans how it is done.

## Cougars edge Bobcats in a cat fight

BY A.J. FOSS  
SENIOR REPORTER

In a hard-fought match, the GCSU women's soccer team lost to Columbus State University, the first place team in the Peach Belt Conference, by a score of 1-0 last Wednesday night at Bobcat Field at West Campus.

The lone goal was scored by Gina Goforth, the leading goal-scorer in the PBC, in the 28<sup>th</sup> minute on a breakaway pass from midfielder Kellie Myles. The goal was Goforth's ninth goal of the season and the first goal allowed by the Lady Bobcats at Bobcat Field all season.

"They timed the pass very well on the run to make sure she was onsidies and Gina is an extremely good finisher," Coach Robert Parr said. "We might have been able to read (the pass) a little better and get in front of (Goforth), but give them credit."

After the goal, the Lady Bobcats' defense was able to slow Columbus State's offense and hold them to only one shot during the final 35 minutes of the match, which was impressive considering that Columbus State had scored a total of 29 goals in their previous 10 matches.

Freshman defender Morgan Cobb believed that what made Columbus

State such a challenge to stop defensively was their speed among their strikers and midfielders.

"We have played more aggressively offensive teams, but they have more speed and that is probably what caught us off guard," Cobb said.

The Lady Bobcats did have their fair share of scoring chances, including a free kick that was taken by sophomore midfielder Hayley Ferrell in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute at the top of the penalty box. However, Ferrell kicked the ball over the goal, which led to the second consecutive match in which the Lady Bobcats were shut out and the ninth shutout this season for Columbus State.



BRETT McLAUGHLIN / SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER

Left: Freshman Erika Kolodin (23) was a defensive force against Columbus State holding the Peach Belt juggernaut to only 20 shots on goal. Top: Kolodin heads the ball away from the Columbus State offense.

Columbus State came into the match on a seven-game winning streak, previously beating their opponents by a combined total score of 26-1. The Lady Bobcats can at least take solace in the fact that they are one of the few teams that was able to play with the top team in the PBC.

"Because they are ranked number one, and we are unranked, it's pretty good that we held them to 1-0," said senior midfielder Meredith Moran.

Coach Parr was more impressed with the way his team performed than at any other time this season, which includes an 8-0 victory over Erskine and a 5-0 win over Lander.

"Don't let the score fool

you, but that was the best team we played this year and that was the best soccer we played this year," said Parr.

The loss dropped the Lady Bobcats to an overall record of 3-3-2 and a 1-2-2 record in the PBC. After the Columbus State match, the Lady Bobcats had five points and were in fifth place in the conference. Because they were able to give Columbus State a run for their money, Coach Parr believes that his team could soon be on the level of Columbus State.

"It was a good test for us, a good performance by us, and hopefully we maintain our intensity and move forward," said Coach Parr.

## Golf team ends Fall season on high note

BY AUBREY KOSCELSKI  
STAFF WRITER

The men's golf team wrapped up their Fall season last Tuesday, Oct. 3, playing in the Cougar Invitational at Columbus State. Senior Johan Cronvall finished four-under par and tied for first place; with his help, the team finish tied for second out of 18 teams at the tournament.

The Bobcats finished 10<sup>th</sup> in their season opener, Sept. 12 in Kiawah Island, S.C., and ended their season on Tuesday second in the Cougar Invitational, their highest placement of the year. Players Juan Biale, Cronvall, and Kyle Collins proved to be strong players this season as they lead the team.

Biale, a junior from Buenos Aires, Argentina, is among four other international students on the team.

"I came here to play golf and to get a degree," Biale said. "I thought it would be a great opportunity and experience as well."

The golf season consists of four tournaments in the Fall, and eight in the Spring. Their roster of 13 players is comprised of four seniors, three juniors, and six freshmen.

Biale played in all four tournaments and finished

this season with a stroke average of 74.

"I would say that my strengths are my driver, my long game, and my ability to shape the ball," Biale said. "And, my weaknesses are definitely my putter and my temper."

Only five players are chosen from the team to compete in each tournament, making competition among team members tough. Each tournament starts out with a practice round on Sunday, followed by 36 holes of golf on Monday, and 18 additional holes to end the tournament on Tuesdays. Each player is required to carry their own clubs on foot for each hole, making for a tiring few rounds of golf.

Cronvall, talks of the importance of working out in and between seasons.

"It is really necessary to workout when you are a golfer," Cronvall said. "We walk so much that if you're weak, you won't be able to make it."

After the season opener, they went on to play in the Development Group Intercollegiate Tournament hosted by Francis Marion on Sept. 19 and tied for 12<sup>th</sup> out of 18 in the tournament. Biale lead GCSU at Francis Marion finishing 14<sup>th</sup> overall, followed by Collins.

The Bobcats then went on to play at the Raines Development Group Intercollegiate Tournament hosted by Francis Marion on Sept. 26. The Bobcats finished 11<sup>th</sup> against 17 other teams. Cronvall led the Bobcats by tying for 14<sup>th</sup> overall in the tournament.

Cronvall finished the Fall season competing in all four tournaments with a stroke average of 72.

Although the golf Fall season is over, the players will now undergo training and conditioning until the Spring with Dr. Mike Martino. Their main objective is to become skilled enough to win nationals this year, which will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jimmy Wilson, the head coach of the men's golf team, is hoping to reach the NCAA tournament again this year and come home with the title.

"Even though our results haven't been what I had hoped for," Wilson said, "I see a lot of promising things in players for the Spring, and our main goal is to win nationals."

The Bobcats will begin their Spring season on Feb. 12, 2007, at the Florida Southern Invitational held at Florida Southern.



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Kyle Collins practices his chip shots at the Little Fishing Creek golfcourse before the Cougar Invitational.

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## Upcoming Sports

## Women's Soccer:

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## Cross Country:

Saturday	@Georgia Invitational
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\*PBC games

## Water Ski:

Oct. 12-14	@NCWSA Nationals Sacramento, CA
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## Tennis:

Oct. 12-15	@ITA Championship Fort Meyers, FL
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## STAT of the WEEK

2,625

The number of miles the water ski team will travel to compete in the NCWSA National Tournament on Oct. 12-14 in Sacramento, CA.



# Women’s soccer player survives fierce car crash



BRETT McLAUGHLIN / SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER  
Sophomore Mary Byrne will be out the remainder of the season. Byrne had to have surgery on her ankle after enduring a severe car collision on Sept. 24. Byrne is expected to return to campus Monday.

BY WES BROWN  
SENIOR REPORTER

Mary Byrne, the Lady Bobcats’ midfielder, is out of the lineup indefinitely, due to a severe car accident on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The GCSU women’s soccer team (4-4-2 overall) will not count on the sophomore to play for the important upcoming conference games. Byrne, an education major from Lawrenceville, is recovering from an operation on her ankle last week.

Byrne was traveling from her home to GCSU early Sunday morning, between 7 and 8 a.m., in order to catch a 12 p.m. bus to Cochran, to play a game at Middle Georgia Junior College. While on her way to Milledgeville, she fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a tree, fracturing her ankle in three places. Byrne, who was driving alone, was knocked unconscious upon impact and was not found until several hours later. In addition to fracturing her ankle, Byrne also suffered a concussion and an injured right arm. It was reported that if she had not been wearing her seat belt, her life would have been in jeopardy.

“Wearing her seatbelt, saved her life,” trainer Paul Higgs said. “She hit the windshield pretty hard. She is lucky to be here, and we are glad to still have her with us. It could have been a lot worse. It is a good thing someone found her

and called the police.”

Byrne went into surgery last week to repair her ankle. According to a medical report from Coach Michelle Parr, she went into a post surgery visit last Tuesday, Oct. 3. All parts of the operation checked well except for one. On one break in her ankle, the bone was out one millimeter. She had a second surgery last Wednesday to correct the problem.

Byrne will have a cast on her right arm for a couple more weeks. As for her ankle, it could take at least six weeks to heal, leaving her to resort to a wheel chair and crutches for mobility. The team expects Byrne to return Monday and be in class by Tuesday. The players have already found ways to help her recover, including her roommate and teammate, sophomore Hayley Ferrell.

“We call her daily and are constantly praying for her,” Ferrell said. “We are catering to her needs. We have arranged for her to move out of her apartment and into a house closer to campus. We just want to make her feel comfortable and get her back into the swing of things.”

Byrne will most likely not miss a season of eligibility. The Athletics Department will appeal to the NCAA for a medical red shirt to redeem this year’s eligibility. Byrne has played one full year and if granted the medical red shirt, will still have three

years of eligibility.

“A player is allowed to play four seasons in five years,” said Brad Muller, Assistant Athletics Director for Public Relations. “If a player plays less than one-fourth of the games in a season, due to an injury, they can apply for a medical red shirt and not lose that year of eligibility.”

Byrne’s absence from the team will be felt, as she was one of only a few left footed players.

“She was playing well for us,” Head Coach Robert Parr said. “Someone will have to step up and fill the gap. We have a deep roster and we carry a lot of reserves.”

Byrne’s recovery is expected to begin immediately.

“Recovery starts as soon as she gets back,” Parr said. “It all begins with academics. She has missed two weeks of classes and it is important that she gets back on track with her classes.”

This injury marks the second time this season that a vital player has been benched due to intense operations.

“It is a fact of life that players are going to get sick or hurt,” Parr said. “Our injuries are unusual because they happened off the soccer field. But we have a deep roster and it gives someone else a chance to step in and make a contribution.”

# Congratulations

Celine Martin and Sofia Intriago finished as the runner-up in doubles at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mid-Atlantic Regional hosted by Barton College this weekend. The ITA Regional is an individually flighted tournament with more than 300 players from 47 schools with the singles and doubles winners from each regional site across the country advancing to the National Championship Tournament in Fort Meyers, FL, Oct. 13-15.

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